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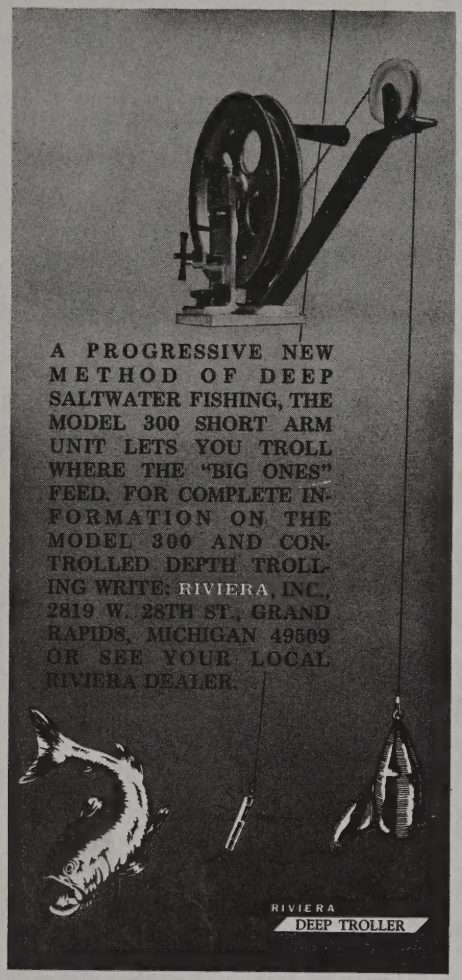
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CHUM LINES

Dear Mr. Reina,

As an avid fisherwoman and long-time subscriber to your publication, I would like to enlist your aid in starting a fishing club expressly for women.

I am looking for girls like myself, married, with children, and ample time to fish during the week while my husband is at work, and the children in school.

I realize that your paper has a large circulation that reaches a great number of women subscribers who might like to join such a club, so that we can team up and enter the various tournaments. I am especially looking for women who enjoy going for striped bass and blues, be it from the surf or by boat. I am not looking for girls interested in joining a social club, but for real enthusiasts who would like to meet and join other women who share their interest in sport fishing.

While it is nice fishing with my family on the weekends, it would be nice to have some friendly competition among the girls, and I am sure that a number of women feel the same way. Even if they fish with their husband, they can still enter the fish in the club as long as it was caught by the woman.

If you would be kind enough to publish this letter in your next open spot in "Chum Lines," I would be most appreciative.

I have opened a post office box and would request all interested fisherwomen to write to me, care of P.O. Box 281, Bellmore, N.Y. 11710.

Ronnie DeLuca

Dear Sir:

I have a 16' boat that I trailer all around Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Almost every place I go to launch it I am not permitted to do so because I am not a member of the township.

Can you please send me a list of the public launching ramps in Nassau and Suffolk and their locations or suggest a way for me to get a list of these launching ramps.

Tom Malian

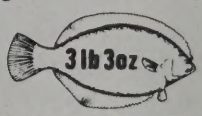
The Nassau County Fish & Game Association, P.O. Box 245, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570 has a complete list of launching ramps. Just send $1.00 to the address above and ask for it.

Fish of the Week

Richard Richardson took top honors in this week's contest with a 3 lb. 3 oz. flounder, which was rated slightly over 2 points in the L.I.F. Point System.

Richard, who hails from Elmont, N.Y., sailed to Orient Point aboard the "Tex III," out of Greenport. The big flattie took a mussel bait.

Congratualtions Richard, your $12. prize is on the way. You have now become eligible for the May drawing along with all the other entries. By winning a weekly contest, you have also beomce eligible for the end of the year grand prize drawing.



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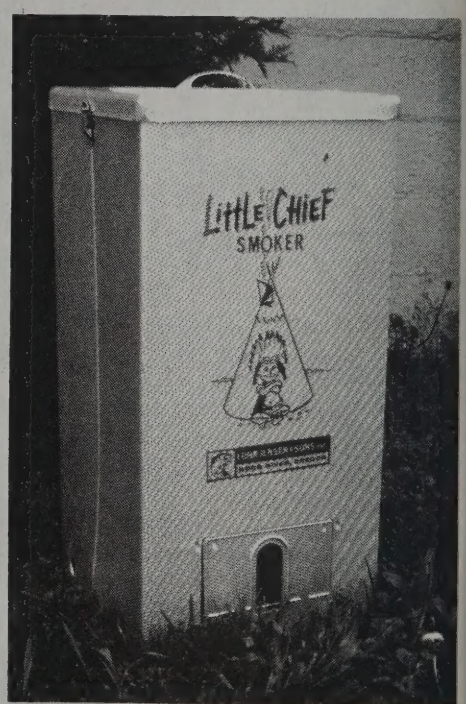

This LUHR JENSEN Little Chief Smoker will be among the prizes presented to the winners of the monthly contest during the months of May, June, July and August. Luhr Jensen also sent along some "Pink Lady" trolling planes to be dished out among the winners.

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Don Simunek, of Port Washington, with just two of the bass he caught on Rebel plugs in Manhasset Bay, where Leeds Pond flows into the bay. The section is commonly known as Plandome. Don also had many other smaller fish on the incoming tide.

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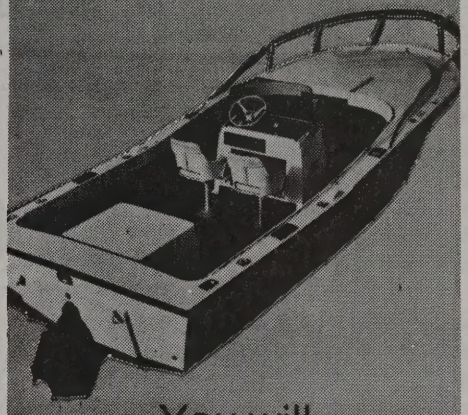

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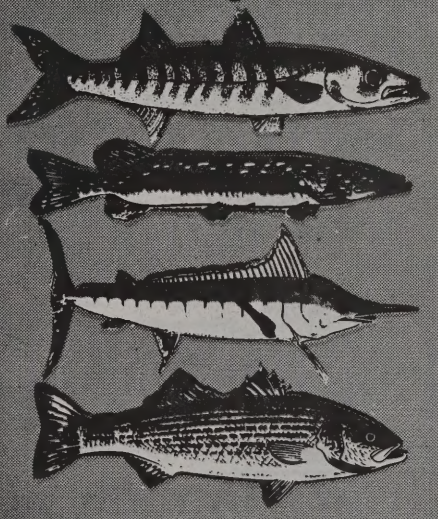

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BLACKFISH

TIPS ON CLEANING AND TACKLE TO USE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE TOOTHY MOUTH

AND THROAT OF THE TAUTOG CAN QUICKLY GRIND THE HARDEST SHELLFISH TO PASTE. THE TAUTOG PROVIDES EXCITING SPORT FOR ANGLERS WHO CALL THEM BLACKFISH. THEY OFTEN SWIM WITH THE CUNNER OR BERGALL; BOTH BELONG TO THE WRASSE FAMILY. THIS PLUG-UGLY RANGES FROM MAINE TO THE CAROLINAS AND GROWS TO 3 FT. AVERAGE 2-3 LBS. RECORD 22½ LBS.

BLACKFISH
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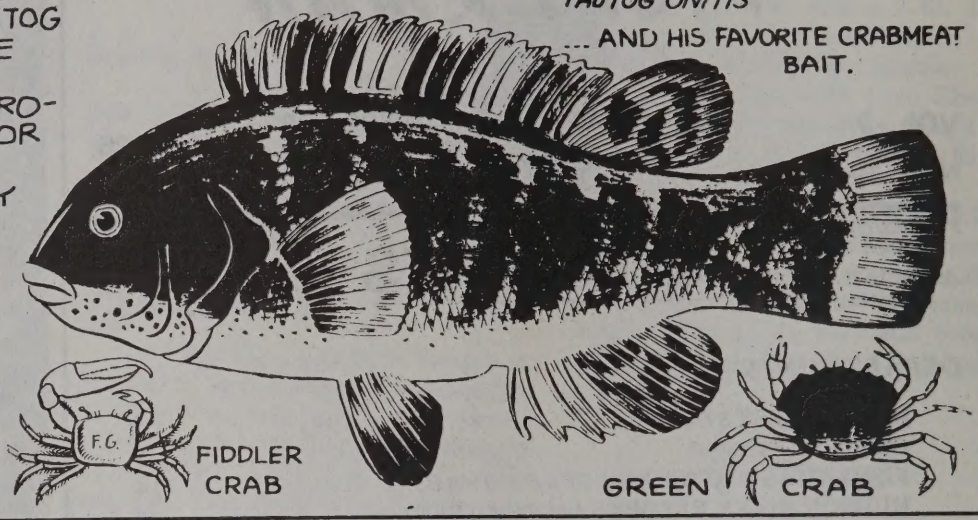
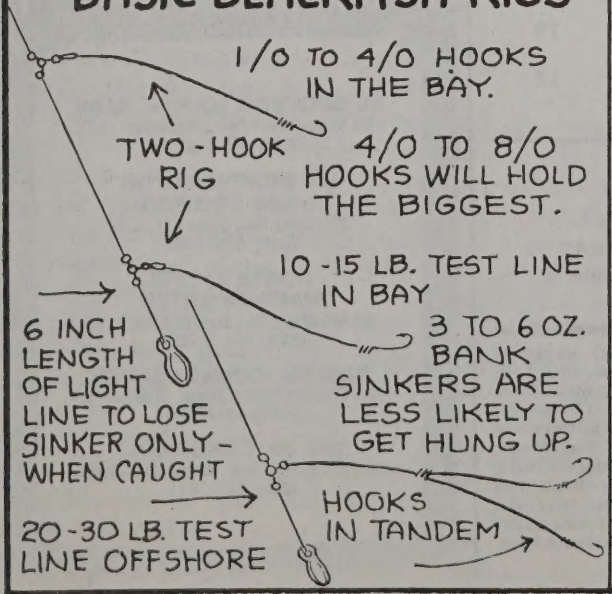
... AND HIS FAVORITE CRABMEAT BAIT.



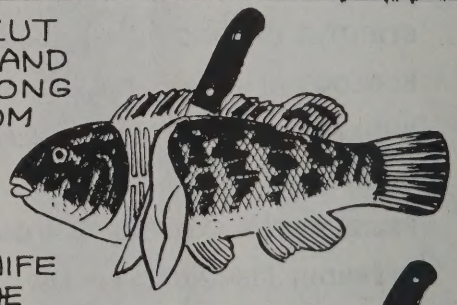
THE ROCKY BOTTOM AREAS OF L.I.'S NORTH SHORE ARE CHOICE SPOTS FOR BLACKS WHICH ALSO CLUSTER AROUND JETTIES, PILINGS AND MUSSEL BEDS. ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF L.I. THE HOTTEST SPOT IN SPRING AND FALL IS THE ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEF IN GREAT SOUTH BAY AT KISMET NEAR THE LIGHTHOUSE. IT IS MARKED BY BUOYS.

HEAVY TACKLE IS USED AND YOUR LINE WILL TAKE A BEATING. BE PREPARED TO LOSE RIGS ON THE SHARP ROCKS AND WRECKS THAT THE BLACKS INHABIT...

BASIC BLACKFISH RIGS


1/0 TO 4/0 HOOKS IN THE BAY.
TWO-HOOK RIG
4/0 TO 8/0 HOOKS WILL HOLD THE BIGGEST.
10-15 LB. TEST LINE IN BAY
6 INCH LENGTH OF LIGHT LINE TO LOSE SINKER ONLY-WHEN CAUGHT
3 TO 6 OZ. BANK SINKERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO GET HUNG UP.
HOOKS IN TANDEM
20-30 LB. TEST LINE OFFSHORE

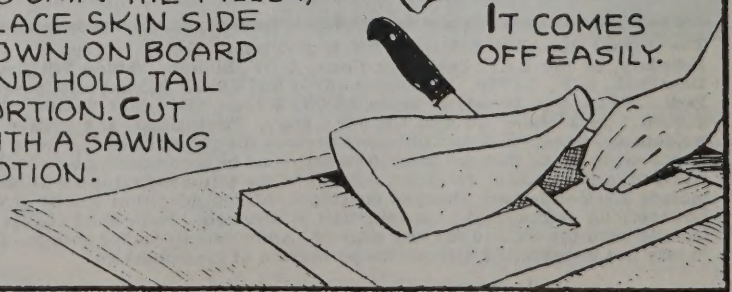
TO FILLET, CUT THROUGH FLESH AND SLIDE BLADE ALONG BACKBONE FROM HEAD TO TAIL.



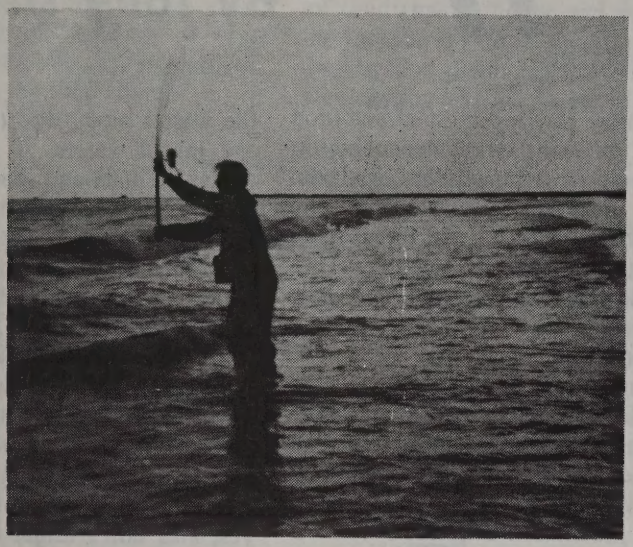
ALLOW THE KNIFE TO RUN OVER THE RIB BONES - OR THEY CAN BE CUT OUT LAST.

TO SKIN THE FILLET, PLACE SKIN SIDE DOWN ON BOARD AND HOLD TAIL PORTION. CUT WITH A SAWING MOTION.

IT COMES OFF EASILY.



Strictly Casting —— *by Vince Guaglianone*



Action At The West Wall

THERE WAS DOC HAYEK on the height of the bend. He waved to us as we passed the corner. He had been on this long, broad breakwater. We picked our way over the middle, and finally we reached up to him while he fought another ferocious bluefish. Though only about 6 pounds, the chopper nearly turned his sturdy rod into a willow wand. The drag hummed; the line zig-zagged but Doc skillfully kept the blue away from the occasional lobster pots along this great jetty: the West Wall in Rhode Island.

It was midday, a Wednesday, and as our Rhody-patriarch Ted Wells had gone home for lunch, there was no one else out there although it was the month of June.

The day was slightly overcast but clearing in the Southwester, my favorite wind here though Teddy roundly belittles it and me for preferring it; as you may some time hear him perhaps. Anyway, from these high rocks you could look with polaroid glasses into the gentle swells that roll in from Block Island Sound on the horizon, and you could watch your surface plug during the retrieve and see, suddenly, two demon eyes behind it. Streaking, a brownish form behind the lure. Those vicious turned-down jaws . . . Smashing, white spray . . . a bluefish leaping, shaking mid-air; lashing down and away through the rolling kelpy water . . .

Here a half hour ahead of us, Doc had 8 or 9 blues up to 6 pounds. But when Martha and I started casting from the big stones, the blues suddenly vanished. So we lounged around in the wind and smoke with Doc of last year (1968) and the present; of plugs plastic, and those hand-made out of dowling; and how the blues this day had been chomping at whatever Doc casted.

Late afternoon, other good rodmen arrived till a long line-up stood watch on the West Wall. Nicely the blues did return when Ted Wells did. Down at the corner, where the beach and rocks meet, his blue popper (made of broomstick) took an 8-pounder. Then Johnson; also on a blue popper. The line-up arose and all were casting and only blue poppers took fish. Except for John Maguire, who took choppers on one of those long, dark blue, thin pencils that he makes.

This time when the blues came in against the wall chasing bait, they turned the water into that proverbial cauldron and produced an almost stationary but undulating isle of white water, stretching from the corner to the bend. (At the bend, the jetty turns and goes on and on straightly but pocked too much along its edge with those damned red lobster pots.)

But Martha and I could not get the blues. Previously, we had lost all our blue poppers (lost to the blues and the rocks). And except for Maguire's pencil, they would only take blue poppers. Maybe it was just the bucktail? (For they would not hit the spooks either, which have no bucktails). Yet a big red popper with bucktail did no good. Then I resorted to a hand-made yellow-and-gold darter; and then I changed to a blue imitation swimmer, thicker than a Rebel and weighted nicely for a long cast. Though weighted, it floats because it's shaped out of wood.

How the blues socked and swiped at this plug. As though it ran a gauntlet, as though someone was firing at it from above the water erupted around its passage back to my emptyness of limp line. The blues would not tkae it no matter how I retrieved, halted, speeded up or slowed, and shook my rod at them: they still only swiped at the plug and once socked it out of the water, "What, the hell do you think YOU are," the blues seemed to say to my plug.

The sun was going down, streaming gold light into our eyes. Still the water was lashed whitely by the killing choppers. And a young fellow came up, Rickie, just out of the army and he hadn't done much fishing. He tied on one of those neon-orange poppers and immediately took bluefish. So I turned again to my red popper. Still no good.

Martha snapped on the Creek Chub amber popper and moved down toward the middle where Doc had gone, because now the blues seemed to concentrate there. She casted; began to retrieve; and without a splash my wife's lure disappeared in the guzzle of a fish. Teddy had moved up from the corner and now he shouted at me:

"See Vinnie. You have to be native Rhode Island . . . to get Rhode Island fish . . . These . . . New York guys . . . come up here . . . MARRY our Rhode Island girls . . . but they CAN'T CATCH ANY OF OUR FISH!"

Laughing Doc Hayek jumped down along Martha's line and waited with a gaff. Martha played her catch, and many stopped casting to let her move along. Then suddenly the hooked one slumped. Martha reeled in and we saw a white belly. Doc reached down and gaffed the fish behind the head - "Striper!" - and slid up a 9-pound schoolie. The only bass. "Hey Vinnie," Ted yelled: "you wanted bass?"

The sun sank, and me too on my rock. The gang left by twos and threes. Martha came back to me big-eyed with her striper, which Rickie admired; he never having caught a bass.

Wearily I intoned: "In about a week, get a live eel and fish the other side (of this jetty: the harbor-side) in the night on the ebb."

The next year, 1970, when I hit the Wall again in June, Rickie was there, and he ran up to me gurgling and bubbling over and seizing my hand. His eel got

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Ecology II

By Tony DiFede

LAST TIME, we looked at a few commonly misused or misunderstood words. Now that we know what ecology, ecosystem, population, community and biosphere are, we can start looking at some of the relationships in our and other creature's environments and what the interrelationships are and how they ultimately affect us, Homo sapiens.

We rely on almost every creature, both plants and animals, for all of our food and all of the air we breath. You've heard that before – but why is it true? The answer isn't simple, but if you can really understand what food chains are, what photosynthesis is, and a few other concepts I am going to discuss are, then you will realize (whether you care to admit it to yourself or not) how important and critical even the seemingly insignificant portions of our environment and the ecosystems that support it are.

Let's look at the food chains first.

There are three methods that account for the transfer of food between organisms; predation, scavanging, and Symbiosis. We are all familiar with the first, predation. Man is a predator in relation to every other organism either directly or indirectly. Another example; rabbits prey on vegetables, snakes prey on rabbits, and hawks prey on snakes. You can readily see the predator/prey relationship.

Scavanging food chains support organisms that feed on dead and decaying organisms either plant or animal. This includes such animals as vultures, jackels, some maggots, and plants such as fungi and others. Scavengers play a very important role; they "clean-up" after many predators and serve also as prey. Aquatic forms, such as crabs, clams, worms, and others, are scanenging forms to varying degrees.

Symbiotic food chains apply to two different species "living together" to the advantage of at least one. For example: A bacteria called E. coli lives in our intestines. This bacteria feeds on our waste. We absorb some of E. soli's wastes which are vitamins – specifically vitamins K and B12. Another example is the lamprey. It benefits, but it's host is harmed. In symbiosis one species always benefits while the other may either benefit, be unaffected, or be harmed.

At this point I must mention that food chains are extremely complex. One organism may play a part in several food chains of different types, depending on its environment and what is available. Excessive predation by one species may cause it to switch to a different prey because the first is too hard to find. This in turn allows the first to reproduce and increase in numbers. Then the predator may return to its origianl prey and so on. For the most part, natural changes in food chains are self-adjusting and self-maintaining. Changes are fairly slow – except when a catastrophe, such as floods, droughts, volcanic erruptions, etc., occurs.

The illustration shown is simplified and generalized and does not include some forms such as viruses. Also, inorganic materials such as iron, iodine, potassium, other salts, and minerals are not shown (besides a few other things). However, it should give you an idea of how involved food chains can be. I intend this illustration to impress on you the importance of plankton, water, the sun, and the relations between general groups of living organisms.

You know, of course, if energy from the sun was cut off, all life on the planet would soon die. So I won't dwell on that – besides, so far man has not been able to tamper with the sun, at least not directly.

Look now at the plankton in the sea. Plankton is made up of small plants (algae), animals (diatoms, fish eggs and larvae) that drift with the currents. Because sunlight is required for plant plankton to carry on photosynthesis, these plankton are found in the near surface and surface waters both fresh and salt. The earth's surface is roughly 70% water. Therefore, it's easy to see that plant plankton and not land plants play the more important role in supplying oxygen to the atmosphere and the water. Kill, poison, or inhibit plankton, and you will eventually kill all other life.

Here are a few interesting facts. There are about 246 known active dumping sites along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts. (OCEAN DUMPING A NATIONAL POLICY, a report to the President prepared by the Council on Environmental Quality, October, 1970.) Half of the 246 sites are on the Atlantic coast, the rest are split between the Gulf and Pacific coasts. In 1960, we dumped 96 million tons of waste materials into the ocean. This figure does not include the wastes piped directly into the ocean and inland waters. It does not include wastes dumped and piped into the ocean along the Alaskan coast or Hawaii and all other U.S. possessions. It does not include land drainage which carries natural pollutants and insecticides. It does not include atomic wastes dumped into the ocean or radioactive material and fallout from atomic explosions. That's a lot of pollution – and add to that the waste that other countries are dumping in the sea and atmosphere. A great deal of the air pollutants ends up in the ocean. Oh yes, and don't forget to add to all this the millions of gallons of crude oil "accidently" dumped into the oceans each year. A great deal of what we dump is naturally found in the ocean but what we dump is highly concentrated compared to the normal concentrations in the sea. For example, dredging spoils (normally dumped close inshore usually in less than 100 feet of water) contain concentrations of materials that are anywhere from 3000 to 20,000 times greater than toxic levels. Copper waste for one.

Some people say the oceans can handle it; I don't think so and more importantly many prominent scientists and experts don't think so. Pollution is affecting the plankton in the oceans. We don't know for sure how serious the damage is and we may not know until it's too late. Plankton and plants – we definitely need them. I don't think we can afford the gamble we are taking.

Take another look at the illustration. Man is the major great predator; we are no ones prey! In nature we can see how other great predators are controlled in number. When too many of one species of great predator exist, they are in competition for a waning food supply; only the strongest survive famine or fighting. "Man, like no other animal, can devise alternatives for himself to insure complete survival by manipulating his environment - but since he still hasn't gained complete control of nature he may come to respond to the rules of nature."

This is a fairly popular theory of what will happen; another theory is that man will obliterate himself. It's something you should think about. Think also about the food chains you are directly involved in. What would happen if the

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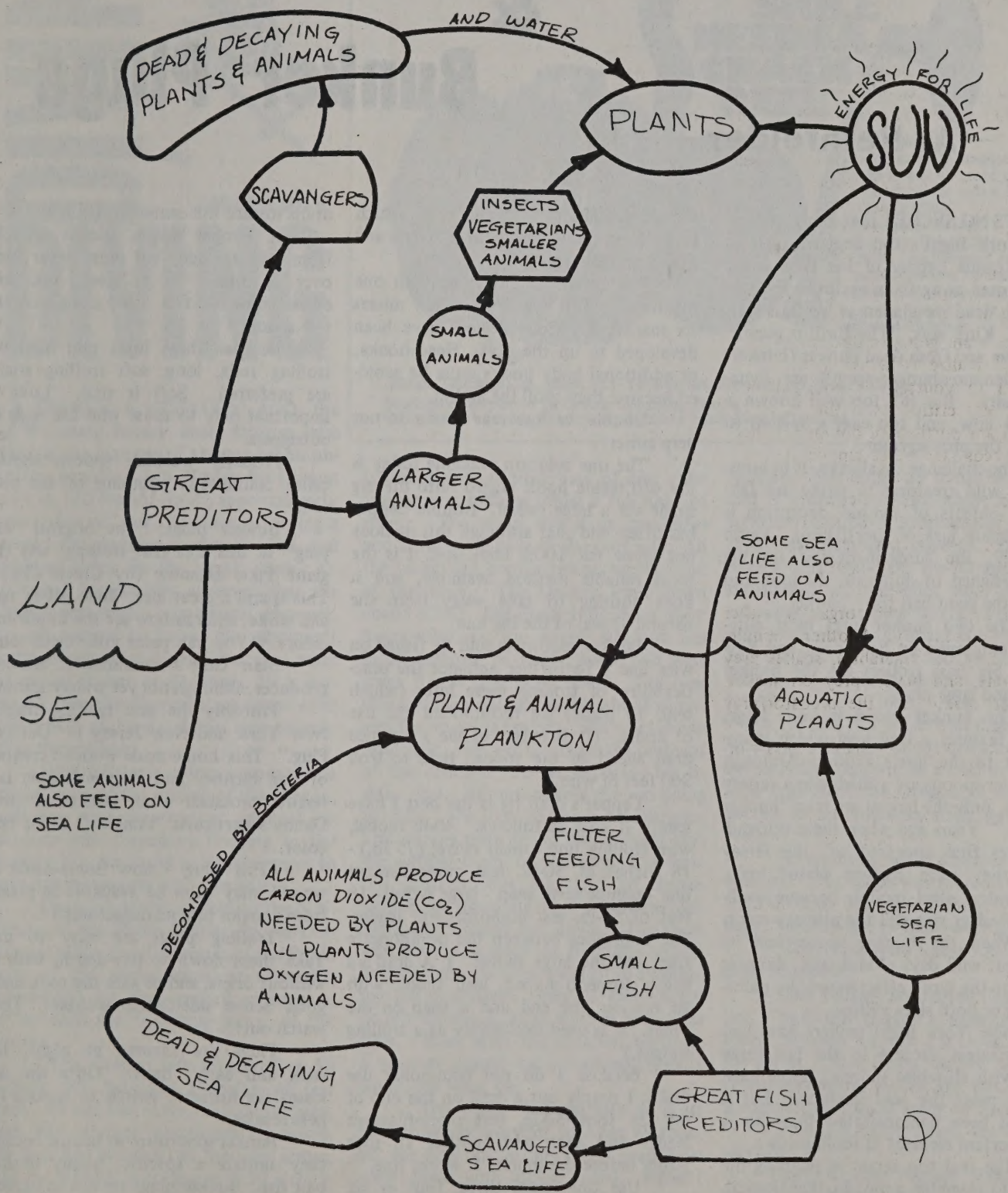
plankton didn't die from wastes in the ocean but just absorbed them? Suppose that the filter feeders that live on plankton were wiped out because of toxic concentrations of pollutants in plankton. What happens to the food chain?

I can't over-emphasize the importance of the oceans in the maintenance of food chains, the sea and the plankton in it are the keystone, the most important link in food chains. Destroy this link and you destroy all food chains.

Next time I will cover photosynthesis, a process very closely tied to food chains. Photosynthesis is the life sustaining process of land and sea plants as well as land and sea animals.



This is a very simplified diagram of land and sea food chains. In real life, food chains form very complicated and intricate interdependencies, but like real life the diagram shows the enormous dependency all life has on plankton, water, and light. Also, the exchange of CO2 and oxygen between plants and animals is a process that cannot be compromised. If it is all life will start dying.

Bunker Spoons & Bunker Plugs

—Al Reinfelder—

IT'S NO SECRET that many of New York Bight's top anglers, such as Capt. Ronnie Lepper of Far Rockaway, have turned away from exclusive reliance on fresh dead menhaden as big bass bait. As B.B. King says, "The thrill is gone!" Sure, live and fresh dead bunker (bunker-menhaden-mossbunker-porgy) are dynamite baits. But it's too well known a method now, and too easy a system to interest the pros anymore.

The challenge - as always - is in lures. To get wild creatures to strike our fabricated objects of natural deception is the altimate lure of sportfishing. Quite naturally, the lures-of-the-day are big ones designed to duplicate the look and size of the giant bait fish: bunker.

The two bunker lures most commonly employed by New York and New Jersey big bass trollers are the bunker spoon and large plugs.

The bunker spoon is quite large, and it features a lead keel which is important to the lure's action. Although salt water spoons are available in a variety of sizes, only the largest are true "bunker spoons." Years ago when these outlandish lures first appeared off the Jersey coast they were chrome plated brass. As stainless steel models became available, all-silver was still the primary color.

When the bunker spoon had its short but wild days at Montauk, skippers added to the lure's effectiveness by painting one or both sides yellow.

New York Bight trollers have had their greatest success in the last three years with all white spoons. Some local anglers paint the lead keels red, but it has not been demonstrated that this is an important element in fooling cows.

The real top secret is painting the spoon to resemble a mossbunker (logical, right?). But you try it. Menhaden are no simpletons colorwise. The first problem is the metallic range of colors: silver, gold, copper and brass. The second is the suntle pink and iridescent glints in the sides. The third is the back, which varies from mud-black to army green and may even be purplish.

Production spoons come with one big hook. This big hook often misses its mark, so various devices have been developed to up the olds. Head hooks, or additional body hooks must be avoided because they spoil the action.

Double, or lose rear hooks do not help either.

The one solution available today is the 6/0 treble hook tagged onto the big single via a large swivel. Ronnie Lepper has often said that although this rig does not allow for 100% hook-ups, it is the most reliable method available, and it does nothing to take away from the natural appeal of the big lure.

Bunker spoons should be fished on wire line. To further enhance the practicability of trolling these lures (which tend to plane) we recommend the use of drails. (It is better to sue a 6 ounce drail ahead of the spoon, than to troll 300 feet of wire.)

Lepper's drail rig is the best I have seen. It goes as follows: 40-lb monel, wire trolling line - small swivel (75 lb.) - 18 inches of 50-lb. test monofilament line - pomponette snap - large swivel - 18 feet of 50-lb. test monofilament leader. The drail goes between the pomponette snap and the large swivel. (A drail is a heavy torpedo-shaped, lead sinker with an eye on one end and a snap on the other. It is used exclusively as a trolling weight.)

Because I do not commonly use drails, I simply put a drail on the end of my 25 foot 50-lb. test monofilament leader and then add another 18 foot leader before the spoon. It works fine.

Use one, two, three, four or six ounce drails, depending on conditions. If you are trolling more than one line, fish each one at a different depth by varying the drails on the amounts of wire line let out. Always keep the heaviest drails toward the center of the boat.

A bunker spoon should wobble from side to side, but must never turn over or spin. If it does, you are either going too fast or are using a defective spoon.

Because these lures pull hard on trolling rods, long, soft trolling sticks are preferred. Soft is vital. Long is important only to those who use rods as outriggers.

Properly working spoons should cause continuous pumping of the soft rods.

Bunker plugs: The original "big plug" in this area (for trolling) was the giant Pikie Minnow (by Creek Chub). This is still a great lure. Blue, silver, red, and white, and rainbow are the important colors. (You can paint your own, too!)

Stan Gibb's swimmer is another producer, although not yet widely known.

Probably the best trolling plug in New York and New Jersey is "Danny's Plug." This home-made wooden creation of Dan Pichney and Ronnie Lepper is a terrific producer when bunker abound. Danny's particular "rainbow" is the best color.

(This plug - now home-made in wood - may soon be available in plastic from a major lure manufacturer.)

Trolling plugs are easy to use. Take them down to pay-depth, with or without drails, and be sure the rods signal good active side-to-side wobble. Then watch out!

Plugs are favored at night, last dusk and early dawn. Once the sun kisses the horizon, switch to spoons for best results.

Bunker spoons are so named because they imitate a specific, highly desired bait fish. Bunker plugs are not so named, but should be, because they perform the same desired function.

Bye-Bye, Bunker Dunkers(?).

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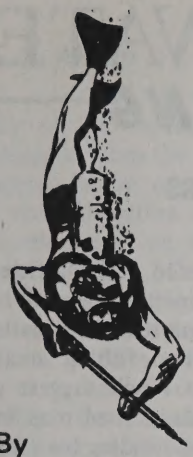

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NEARLY A CENTURY AGO, the Cunard luxury liner, Oregon, was sent to the bottom of the sea by an unknown phantom ship. Today the Oregon rests in 120 feet of water, approximately nine miles off our shoreline, affording a home to an abundance of marine life, and exciting diving for the wreck diver. Although it is generally accepted that the Oregon was struck by a coastal schooner, no one seems to know the schooner's name or where she came from, or what happened to her or her crew. It is persumed that the phantom schooner went down with all hands, almost immediately after the collision.

Contradictory stories appeared as to the cause of the sinking of the Oregon, including such theories as: internal explosions and torpedoes floating in the water; but the facts in general seem to bear out the coastal schooner story.

Captain's story, as told to the N.Y. Times: Capt. Philip Cottier, of the Oregon, sat in the smoking room of the Fulda (one of the rescue ships) at midnight, surrounded by shipwrecked passengers, as he told the following story of the wreck:

"The Oregon left Liverpool at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning of last week. We had 186 cabin, 66 intermediate, and 395 steerage passengers on board. We had fine weather all the way across, and the weather was clear at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning, with a fresh breeze from the west, when a sailing vessel suddenly loomed up. When first noticed, she showed no light, but when she was close to clear she showed a white light. I cannot say on what part of her. The Oregon was running under a full head of steam. The vessel struck us amidships and stove a big hole in the port side. All the watertight compartments were closed at the time. The Oregon went down about 12:45. She floated for about eight hours after she was struck and now lies in 22 fathoms of water, north half west from Watch Hill, Long Island. The tops of her three masts are visible above water, and the vessel is upright. She went down head first. We worked from the moment of the collision as if we expected her to sink. But I did not believe she was going to sink. We took extreme precautions. The pumps were of no use, I might say. We worked them, of course, and to their full capacity, but they had no chance against the inrushing mass of water which eventually carried her down. The usual watch was on deck at the time of the accident and no time was lost in awakening the passengers. Few of them heard or felt the shock, as all were in bed at the time. Soon after the accident occured, a steamer passed us, a National boat, I think, but went on.

"The vessel that ran into us must have sunk immediately, as when we looked, she was not in sight. She must have gone down with all on board. When I found that the vessel was sinking, I took the necessary steps to save our passengers. We first sent up rockets as signals of distress. Then the boats were lowered, but before 8 o'clock Pilot Boat No. 11 hove in sight. She came up to us between 7 and 8 o'clock, and two hours later the schooner Fannie A. Gorham, of Belfast, Me., Capt. Mahoney, hove to. The passengers and crew of the Oregon were transferred to the pilot boat and the schooner in our own boats. Four hundred were placed on board the pilot boat and the balance, about 500, on board the schooner. All the passengers were transferred by 11 o'clock. The steamship Fulda, of the North German Line, Capt. Rink, hove in sight about noon or a little before. She was within a half or a third of a mile from the Oregon. I never expected to see such an affair go off so easily.

"Everything went down with the steamer. Our cargo was valued at about L 1.000,000. We carried about 375 mail bags. Seventy-five of them were saved.

"The passengers lost all their baggage. I suppose.

"The Fulda," continued Capt. Cottier, "had the Oregon's passengers on board between 12 and 2 o'clock, nearer the latter. The Fulda carried only 56 cabin passengers, so that she was able to accommodate a good many of ours.

"Not a soul on board the Oregon was lost."

Capt. Cottier further stated that he had been in the service of the Cunard Line for seven years and had been a Captain for 20 years.

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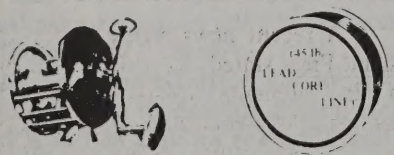

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FRESH WATER ANGLING

BY AL CROSS

BY THE TIME THIS ARTICLE is published, the bass season will be just about with us. The season here on Long Island runs from June 19th through November 30th, and, in case you are not up on the rules, you are limited to six fish a day and their size must exceed 10 inches.

First I'm going to give you a quick run down on some of the better spots here on the Island. I'll start out at the eastern end and work back in. First, out at Montauk we have four excellent lakes or ponds. Two of those are Big Reed and Little Reed Ponds. They are located almost on the northeast end of Montauk, just off East Lake Drive. Fort Pond is next, and the easiest to find because it is located right in the town of Montauk. Last, but by no means least, nestled in Hither Hills Park, is Fresh Pond.

Since these four ponds are so far out on the Island, and, for most of us requires a long drive to get there, they are not receiving heavy fishing pressure. For that reason you will find the fishing ranging from good to excellent in them.

Coming in a little from Montauk, you will find Long Pond, in Sag Harbor, is well worth your attention. It is off the Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Road. Mill Pond in Water Mill still sates mentioning as does Big Fresh Pond in North Sea. Then coming east again we go north to Riverhead where you will find that the Peconic River and the Lake still offers good bass water. Moving in to the more easily reached areas we get to Lake Ronkonkoma, which rates as the number one producer of big bass every year. With perserverance and by fishing the right spots, fishermen have been getting five pounders and better here.

Then traveling south and a little east, we have South Haven Park in Yaphank, which produces some good bass as well as being up high on my list of trout spots. Coming on west again, we have Weld Pond in Smithtown. The pond is now part of Blydenburg Park and you will find boats available there, as you will also in Smith Haven. The last lake I will mention is Belmont Lake in Babylon, where I have often pulled in some good sized fish. There are other lakes, but smaller, and as bass producers, they are not in the same category as those I've listed. This article will run too long if I mnetion them all here today. I have pinpointed the locations of most of these listed fishing areas in previous articles, so I will suggest you get a good Long Island road map to locate the spots you are heading for on your next trip.

Now let's get down to the actual fishing. As I've mentioned before, bass fishing for some men has become a regular science. These dedicated enthusiasts with a strong will to learn all they can, and with the knowledge they have acquired being put to good use, are now seeing some fantastic results. One of the methods they have been working at is fishing the bottom terrain or structure. I have mentioned this in a past article but only described it briefly. I will take the time now to explain more about this system and why it should work well for you, just as it has for those who have been developing it.

In most lakes the fish spend their time in schools or in smaller groups at drop-offs or in holes close to a food source. The main part of the food in a lake is produced in a part called the food shelf. In our lakes this is likely to be the area reaching from the shoreline out to where the weeds end. In cold rocky lakes, this area will reach to the point where the bottom drops off into deep water. Another likely place for a food shelf is the shallow water over a sunken island in your lake.

Now I am not saying that gamefish live in shallow water. I'm only pointing out that they do their feeding in these areas. They spend their non-feeding time (which is a considerable number of hours a day) in the deep waters that are in close proximity to the feeding places.

On these "food shelves" or bars, there are usually certain identifiable breaks or changes in the underwater terrain. These provide landmarks for the fish as well as for the minnows, leeches, crawfish and other forms of life on which the fish feed. These breaks and outcroppings are the roadmaps which guide the fish in their travels.

The bars, drop-offs and various types of breaks in the underwater terrain

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The creditability of the Captain's story could be questionable from the reports of the passengers. Many of the passengers were not slow to ascribe the accident to "gross carelessness" on the part of the Oregon's officers. Capt. Cottier was in bed when the collision occurred and the steamer was commanded by the First Officer, Matthre. The Captain's statement that the schooner had a white light visible a few moments before she struck and none at all when first sighted is contradicted by several passengers. One of these was a Mrs. Hurst, who was awake at the time in cabin No. 54 and says that she saw a red light through the porthole. Many of the passengers attributed the accident to a miscalculation of distance by the Oregon's officers.

My introduction to the Oregon began with a phone call from Ed Betts, owner of the Island Dive Shop, in Freeport. He extended an invitation to come on his charter dive, to the Oregon. I accepted and went on the dive, which turned out to be one of the most pleasurable dives I've been on this year. The company was most congenial, the weather flawless, and the underwater visibility up to fifty feet. Putting everything together, one could not ask for more.

I cannot describe the whole ship since I had little time to cover it. Most of my time was spent in working with cameras, both movie and still, plus the depth of 120 feet allows little bottom time. What I did get to see was exciting. Most of the area I was in was broken up, but a lot of the vessel is still standing.

The entire ship is one big goodie store, with many fascinating things to bring home. Some of the things brought up by the diving party were: brass portholes, small medicine bottles, part of a urinal with the manufacturers name clearly inscribed on it. I am sure this piece, sitting on a mantle piece, will stimulate the conversation. The top prize of the day was a cast bronze dragon about 40" long. I would venture to say the piece is worth $150., and to round it out for the gourmets, a couple of healthy sized lobsters were also taken.

Besides the goodies previously described, there is a chance of finding some true treasure; the valuables lost by the passengers. The passengers lost all of their luggage and possessions, except what they wore on their backs.

Many of the people in the cabin class had purchased expensive wardrobes, diamonds and other costly jewelry while abroad. One gentleman estimates his loss and that of his wife at $4,000., and another placed his at $2,000.

All these valuables are just sitting there waiting for some diver mulling through the wreckage to find them.

Who knows, it may be YOU!

JIM DeVITO

WEAKFISH TIPS

Now is the time to outfit your tackle box for weakfishing. A couple of hi-lo rigs, a half dozen long leaders and a half dozen short leaders, No. 3 or 4 hooks, some sinkers and swivels. Use a long leader hook on top and the short leader hook below.

BAIT: Shrimp treaded over the hook are best, however, they are hard to come by and are also quite expensive. Therefore I use cut pieces of squid, which I prepare the night before. These baits are four (4) inches long, ¾" wide at the top and tapered to a point at the bottom. Incidentally, I split the bottom of the bait as it appears more lifelike in the water. Simply insert the hook through the center of the bait at the top, then turn it around and repeat one inch below.

It is very important to get an early start, as these fish feed feverishly at dawn.

Never run your boat directly thru the area in which you intend to drift over as these fish spook easily. Drift with a taut line and occasionally jig your line so as to attract fish to it. If you feel a fish nibbling, give him some slack, wait a few seconds, then jig once or twice. Once he's on, he's dynamite. Keep his head up but do not jerk him. When he is near the boat, guide him into your net. Many a weakfish has been lost by fishermen who tried to lift their fish out of the water without the use of a net. Remember that's how the weakfish got its name; it has a very soft mouth.

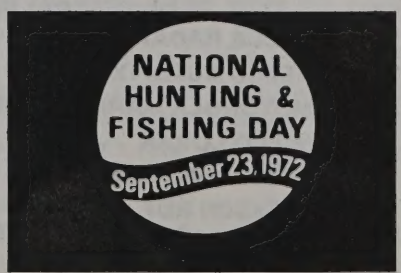
SPAWNING STUDY PROPOSED BY DURYEA

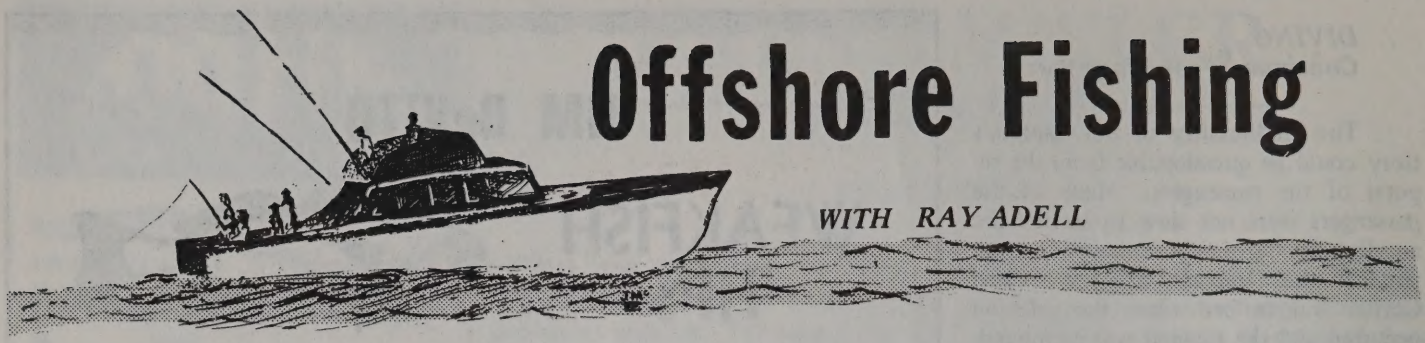
A recent news article in the Long Island Press stated that "the Department of Environmental Conservation is conducting a three-year study into the spawning and migratory habits of the fish (striped bass) and the Montauk Chamber of Commerce."

Many Montauk residents migrate to Florida in the winter, but not much is known of their spawning habits.

We suggest that Perry Duryea suspend spawning activities at Montauk at least until the 3-year study is completed, just as he has recommended a 3-year moratorium on striped bass legislation.

Al Reinfelder





Offshore Fishing

WITH RAY ADELL

BLUEFISH WILL NOT BE HERE in any numbers when you read this, but the first of their kind, those well ahead of the massive body of fish which will follow, will, almost assuredly, have started the excitement that is always associated with this species.

The bluefish is our major summer sportfish. Has been for many years. Yet when I was young, when the seeds of addiction to angling were being sown, there were no bluefish at all. I was seven years old and puttering around the shores of Crotona Park Lake in the Bronx, catching bluegills in a safety pin baited with an earthworm, the last year before the decline, the last year that bluefish were caught in anything like the numbers we have become accustomed to. That was in 1936. The bottom dropped out so quickly that by the time I had the opportunity to expand my growing interest in fishing to the salty shores of Long Island, there were no such things as bluefish. I fished party boats in my early teens, and we caught mackerel, blackfish, porgies, ling, whiting, cod, flounders in the ocean, but no bluefish. Roaming the surf areas of the south shore and acquiring the goat legs of the "jetty jockey," the fish we talked about and occasionally caught were stripers, fluke, blackfish, kingfish, flounders – but no bluefish. A trickle of bluefish came back to our waters in 1948; then BOOM! Just as in the summer of their staggering disappearance, there was hardly time to adjust to the change. They were back with us in blitz proportions by 1951.

Bluefish have been with us in quantities varying from good to unbelievably good for twenty years. That means a whole generation of anglers (more as generations are counted nowadays) has no concept at all, of what Long Island fishing means without bluefish. There is nevertheless a substantial possibility that they will experience this phenomena in their lifetime. Our area of the coast, while not the absolute northernmost range of this species is close enough to the northernmost periphery to have suffered these cyclic disappearances of the bluefish in the most dramatic fashion. Historically, whatever vicissitudes of nature cause this phenomena, have occured down through history and have affected the area north of the Chesapeake most. Bluefish were abundant off our coast in colonial times till about 1764, when they disappeared until 1810. The ups and downs of the bluefish population in Long Island waters between then and now are interesting but unnecessary to go into here.

During the twenty years that we have been blessed with the presence of bluefish, I have heard so many theories about "how many years before the bluefish go" offered, that many of them have evaporated with the time as the bluefish continued to roll in year after year. I am convinced that no one knows exactly why this happens and I am equally convinced that the many theories that propose that the appearance of bigger and bigger fish, fewer smaller fish, etc., in different years as a sign of the immediate decline in the bluefishery is so much smoke before wind. I've been hearing it for too many years to pay any substantial heed to its validity anymore.

There is assuredly change in the bluefish pattern, if not year to year, certainly with enough frequency to force one to take note.

The bluefish is an oceanic species. It winters far offshore, and many of its members apparently remain in the ocean all year long. While I have no statistics to prove it, I have a gut feeling that more bluefish are taken on rod and reel in the ocean than anywhere else. Yet, the bluefish is not at all reluctant to enter the inland waters that he remembers in the first year of life. Spawned far offshore, the young bluefish move into bays, harbors, rivers and canals when about an inch in size, during summer. These are our late summer and fall snappers, who leave when the water temperature drops below their liking, generally after the first real severe storms of the fall, to join the older members of their kind on the outward journey to where they were born and maybe beyond. So while some of them may vacation in the shallow, protected inland waters during the summer, they are essentially a creature of the seas.

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It is at this time that the bluefish who have wintered in the depths of the open ocean head in the astronomical numbers of pelagic species in the direction of our shores. But from what direction we cannot be sure. Sometimes they seem to follow the more or less south to north pattern of other oceanic spring migrants. Then we can follow their path up the Jersey coast to the south shore of Long Island, first inthe extreme western inlets and bays, gradually working east, infiltrating each of the inlets and entering the bays as they go, turning at Montauk and finally saturating Gardiners Bay and Long Island Sound. That would be just fine if that was the pattern each year, but it isn't. Some seasons they seem to hit Long Island's shores at the same time they arrive in south Jersey, indicating an invasion of at least that part of our coast from about Cape May to Long Island at roughly the same time, obviously utilizing a more complicated pattern of inshore migration. Then again, they have been known to virtually bypass the west end of Long Island in their initial arrival, even skirting Montauk, but entering Gardiners Bay and Long Island Sound well ahead of any westerly south shore arrival.

Bluefish can't be figured in many other ways too. Professional party boat skippers are all too familiar with the situation where red hot bluefish chumming at night is followed by a total drop-off in the action as day breaks, with a resumption of frantic feeding right on the same location again at night. Less frequently, the reversal happens. Some years the offshore fishing is more than anyone could ask for and fishing in the bays of Long Island Sound is mediocre or downright poor. Other years the reverse is true. As I write this, an incident comes flashing to mind that I think can best convey the seeming perversity that one could be pardoned for projecting onto the bluefish. Five or six years ago, word on how the Sandy Hook Marine Laboratory's bluefish tagging programs pointed to a theory of three separate families of bluefish along the Atlantic coast. The first of these migrated between the Carolinas to Florida, another from the Carolinas to about Long Island, and the third group, or family, from Long Island north, perhaps to the maritimes. The Florida to Carolina group, or the most southerly of the three families, contained the smallest fish, generally two pounds or so, and almost never more than four. The other two groups contained the larger fish; the further north, the larger the members of the particular group grew. The very next year, the first time ever, as far as I could learn, monster bluefish, with schools containing fish of nine pounds and more, slammed into the Forth Worth area of Florida's east coast.

As we have said, and as everybody knows, bluefish are caught just about everywhere, from way, way offshore to the quiet waters of harbors, bays and canals. But he means much to the ocean fisherman, for during a long summer and well into the changes of autumn, when the tuna fail, the marlin and swordfish are scarce, when sharks refuse to respond to the chum slick, there will be the "choppers," the savage bluefish to save the day, either right outside the inlet or many miles beyond the sight of land. To us he is first and foremost a fish of the open ocean. He is also, as we have said, our number one summer gamefish, and a species of marine wildlife of fascinating and mysterious habits and history. These words then can serve as a prelude to many more that will almost assuredly be written about him here as the season matures.

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ACTION AT THE WEST WALL

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him a 25-pound linesider that good week of June, after we had had to leave.

Darkness rolled over this day that I could not get blues, and we were alone, Martha and I and Rickie. The action stopped at dark. We tried some casts from the middle-stones. Nothing. Till I tried an ultra slow retrieve with frequent halting. Sudeenly my gold darter got fractured and, finally, there was that feeling of a whole new world for me. And then for about an hour we all took bluefish up to 8 pounds. Now they wanted this slow retrieve and it didn't matter what we casted. It was good and the air off the water sniffed sultry like a pile of over-ripe watermelon from all the blues. (Ted Wells says: "Watermelon? They smell like fresh-cut cucumbers!") Rick and I took turns jumping down to gaff each other's fish, including Martha's, of course. And Rick learned how you should have a light when you fish at night, a strong beam both because of bluefish teeth, and to pick your way off a jetty in the dark.

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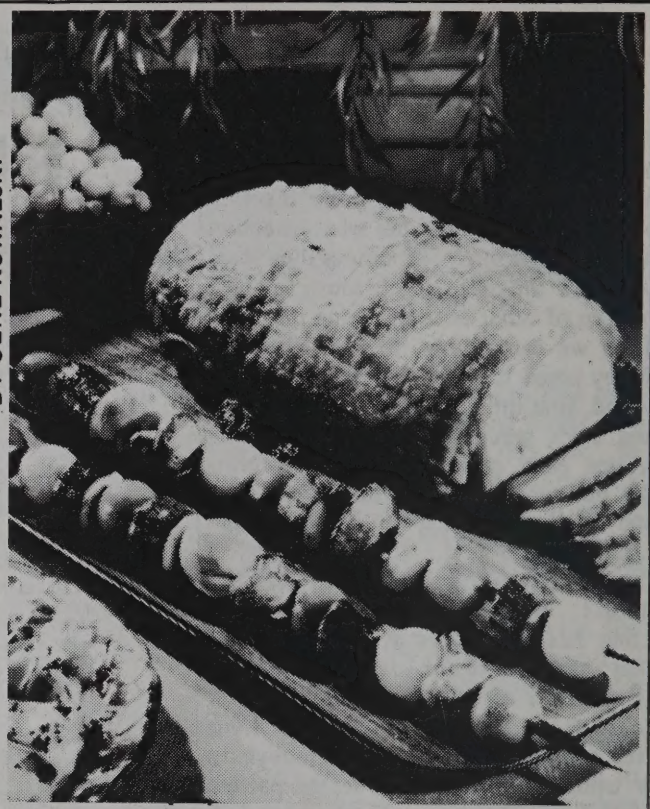

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Company's coming — and you're wondering what to serve? Well, with a fisherman in the family, don't despair any longer. This is the season for readily available fresh bluefish. . .for entertaining with elegant ease. . .and for sitting around the patio or barbeque. Bluefish cooking shouldn't mean the same old steak, fillet or fish-fry routine. Try something, new, delicious, and simple, too! Here's a bluefish repertoire that will astound and delight your friends — and make your reputation as a real seafood cook! Here are four fine ways to serve company bluefish. They're all very simple. Most of the work is done beforehand in the kitchen.

FOUR BLUEFISH RECIPES

BLUEFISH LOAF

2 lbs. fresh bluefish fillets
¼ cup milk
3 eggs
½ cup bread crumbs
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon tabasco
2 tablespoons each minced onion, parsley, celery
1 small green pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons melted butter

1. Cut the bluefish fillets into chunks and put them through the medium blade of the meat grinder.

2. Beat the milk and eggs together. Add the ground fish and all the remaining ingredients, and mix together thoroughly.

3. Pack the mixture firmly into a well-buttered loaf pan. Drain off any excess liquid. Bake at 350 for 50 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes to set, then turn out on heated platter. Cut into ½-inch slices. Top with Hot Sour Cream Sauce, and garnish with lemon wedges and chopped parsley. Serves 6.

HOT SOUR CREAM SAUCE

Combine one cup pickle relish with one pint of sour cream, a squeeze of lemon juice, and a dash of tabasco. Stir all ingredients in a saucepan and simply warm it on medium heat for a few minutes. Do not allow it to boil.

BLUEFISH EN BROCHETTE

Skewer chunks of filleted bluefish, alternately with mushrooms, pineapple chunks, slices of zucchini squash, cherry tomatoes, and small parboiled onions. Baste with butter or oil while broiling over hot charcoal or in the oven.

NOODLE BLUEFISH SALAD

Combine cooked noodles with butter, parsley, cooked peas and large chunks of cooked bluefish. This is equally good using elbow macaroni, rice or sliced potatoes.

HOT BLUEFISH SANDWICH

Split a crusty Italian bread down one side, leaving the other side connected as a hinge. Scoop out the soft insides. Spread both sides with a mixture of ½ lb. soft butter, ¼ lb. grated cheese, ½ teaspoon garlic salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper. Fill the cavity to heaping with chunks of cooked boneless bluefish. Fold the bread back into a loaf shape, wrap in foil, and heat to sizzling in the oven. Cut the loaf in thirds for 3 hefty sandwiches.

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are called structure, and structure is the basis for this system of gamefish hunting. Fish the structure and you will find the fish.

Begin by systematically working an area. Start at the weed line or at the drop-off point and probe deeper or shallower until you locate the proper depth. As you probably know, fish are regular gypsies, traveling constantly throughout the year. In big lakes they cover wide territories in their wanderings. Fortunately for the fisherman, they tend to gravitate toward certain hot spots in the particular areas where food and other of our finny friends comforts are readily available.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR HOT-SPOTS: The underwater hot spots in lakes can be found near shore or away from it - sometimes on bars way out in the middle of the lake. In either of these areas look for "breaks" in the underwater terrain. The breaks can consist of any of the following: a) coves, b) dips, c) sand rises, d) points, e) rock or gravel piles, f) dips or rises in flat areas, g) the inside or outside corners of offshore bars, h) long thin fingers of shallow water flowing through deep water, i) long flats of solid bottom accessible to deep water, j) isolated deep weed beds, sunken logs and submerged trees or tree stumps (fish like to hang suspended among the branches of a sunken tree).

In rivers look for hot spots in 1) pools behind dams, 2) deep holes, 3) river meeting points, 4) runs below rocks or rock piles and the dead water above them, 5) rocky or boulder covered shores, and 6) submerged stumps or trees.

Of course you are not going to learn all this overnight. Remember what I've advised many times before. Pick one place where you know there are fish which you are hunting and concentrate on learning it better than you know your own bedroom at home. A few tips for speeding up this learning process are: a) first see if a bottom terrain map is available (the Conservation Office has maps of some of the fishing places available on request), b) this suggestion necessitates the outlay of about a hundred dollars for a small recorder, but you will find the money well spent for this essential bottom reading device, c) after learning the structure of your chosen spot, find out what bait is best at any given time in that particular area. Put all this information together and you are ready to put it to work in catching fish. You will find this method will work not only for bass, but for other species as well. Some of those other big fellows who always managed to get away before are likely to wind up on your hook.

One last suggestion for the prospective bass fisherman. Join the National Bass Association. You will find the wealth of information available through the ten dollar membership fee far surpasses the investment you have made. You can find applications for joining in most of the major magazines, such as Field and Stream or Sports Afield.

In closing, let me remind you once again to help keep our waters running free and clear, and do your fishing for fun.

On the left, Pete Zabita, of New Jersey, with a 35 lb. cod. Santo DiNaro, of East Patchogue, took the pool aboard the "Hel-Cat" with a 38 pounder. Photo courtesy of the Hel-Cat Fleet.

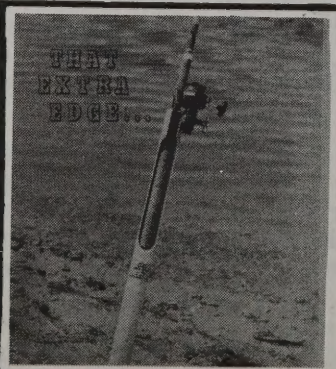
PRESS RELEASE

The Fin & Feather Association announced that their first tournament will be the Shark Tournament held at Montauk Marine Basin, Montauk, N.Y. on July 22nd and 23rd. Entrance fee is $85.00 per boat, including bait and two tickets to clam bake Saturday night with live music. Prizes will be $75.00 cash, plus trophy, head mount for largest Mako shark, and $300.00 cash, plus trophy, head mount for largest Blue shark. Many other prizes will be awarded and junior anglers who catch any shark unassisted will receive wall plaques and certificates of merit. Patches will also be given out this year to all entrants. All net proceeds from all Fin & Feather tournaments will be donated to New York Ocean Science Lab, MOntauk, New York to help them further their studies of marine life.

Their second tournament will be the Billfish Tournament, August 18th, 19th and 20th at Montauk Marine Basin. Entrance fee is $100.00 per boat, including two tickets to clam bake dinner Saturday evening. Information and rules may be obtained by phoning or writing Fin & Feather Association, P.O. Box 548, Montauk, N.Y. 11954, or calling either Montauk Marine Basin 516-MO 8-5900 or 914-666-7585.

They are also having a Striped Bass and Bluefish Tournament on September 19th-24th at Montauk Marine Basin. Entrance fee is $15.00 per man.

Information may be obtained as above. All Fin & Feather tournaments are Coast Guard approved. There will be committee boats off shore, and there will be Montauk Marine Basin fish spotting planes to help locate fish. Charter boat arrangements can be made through Montauk Marine Basin by calling 516-MO 8-5900.



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Hudson River Report

by Pete Barrett

CLAVERACK, N.Y.

Everett Nack of Nack's Tackle Shop reports that shad fishing is excellent at Rogers Island. Shad dart lures do most of the catching. Striped bass action is fair. Most of the good catches of stripers are being made just below the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. The channel side of the Middleground Flats has a fair population of striped bass also.

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VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle Shop reports that Ken Eichler caught a 10½ lb. striped bass at the oyster beds. The best fishing is behind the F.D.R. hospital. Sandworms are better than bloodworms in the bait department. Bucktails are still number one in the lure department.

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CROTON ON HUDSON

The Croton Bait & Tackle reports that striped bass fishing is good along Croton Point at tide changes. Sandworms or bucktails are best. The best area is at the mouth of the Croton River near the Penn Central RAilroad. Fish the bucktails with a straight retrieve; no jigging. That's what Herman Cordero did and he had 10 bass up to 13 lbs. In the Croton River, it's herring and striped bass. The best place is Croton Gorge. Tellers Point has lots of white perch up to 1½ lbs.

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OSSINING

Tony's Bait & Tackle reports the bass fishing has been spotty all along the shore. The stripers that are caught are larger than they have been though. Gene Garofano and Mike Merolla had 40 bass up to 15 lbs. These fishermen only kept six of them, the rest were tagged and released. Worm fishermen are having good results at Crawbuckie Beach.

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FORT LEE, N.J.

Al & Jerry's Tackle Shop reports loads of white perch and catfish ont he Jersey side. Piermount Pier is excellent for small stripers up to about 6 pounds. Worms and bucktails work best on these fish.

North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reports the blackfishing is excellent off Hart's Island. The south side of the Islans seems to be the hot spot, and outgoing tide is best. Blackfish up to 14 lbs. are reported in this area. Mackerel are spotty. Stripers are around in good numbers, but they are still on the small side. Turtle Cove seems to be the best area. Boatmen are having good results by trolling Rebels and Tri-Fin bait tails in Turtle Cove for bass, some of which tip the scales at 7 lbs.

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BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reports that the mackerel fishing is good in the Sound. Fishermen are getting anywhere from 30 to 75 fish per man. Blackfishing is excellent off Oak Point, Centre Island Reef and Peacock Point. Fiddler and green crabs are the best baits for these blackfsih. Weakfishing is still a little slow. Striped bass action is even slower.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Vets Fishing Station reports that flounders from 1 to 1½ lbs. are around in good numbers. Blackfishing is good, with many fish in the 5 to 6 lb. class. Weakfish are still slow, but seem to be picking up every day. Small stripers are being trolled on a variety of lures. Most of these fish are small; the largest reported went about 8 lbs. Small porgies have started to show.

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GLEN COVE

John Cacciola of the Glen Cove Sports Shop reports excellent mackerel fishing between Prospect Point and Weeks Point. Diamond jigs catch macks up to 1½ lbs. here. Short bass are numerous around teh rocky areas in the harbor.

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SMITHTOWN

Lure maker, Mickey Chiarenza, reports that weakfish up to 5 lbs. are being caught in Smithtown Bay. They are hitting best west, off Eaton's Neck. The bigger school bass are in the Sound. Fishermen just have to locate them. They are feeding on their own eggs and seem to prefer small multi-colored tubes. The flounder fishing is still good, and blackfishing is excellent near the rocks.

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North Shore Reports

NORTHPORT

Bowmann's Tackle reports that striped bass fishing is good but 80% of these fish are shorts. The rest run about 5 to 9 lbs. Surfcasters are doing well on these fish at Crab Meadow Beach, Mahamah Beach and Sand City. Hopkins and worms are best in the bait department. Mackerel are about a ½ mile off Makamah Beach. Good blackfishing with fiddlers at Sand City and Makamah Beach. Weakfish can be found at Centerport Harbor entrance. Rubber shrimp lures with squid strips are best here.

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SMITHTOWN

The Beacon Fishing Station reports that mackerel up to 2 lbs. are one mile north of the main buoy. Drifting worms off Short Beach is paying off with stripers up to 8 lbs. Many shorts are being caught also. Fiddlers and worms are getting blackfish at the 'Mansion' and the 'Brick Yard.' From Sunken Meadow to the Brick Yard, there is still excellent flounder fishing.

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PORT JEFFERSON

Charlie Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reports a catch of 17 weakfish up to 4¾ lbs. was made near the powerhouse. Walt Emerson caught two striped bass and a mess of weakfish in Conscience Bay, by the big rock. The blackfishing is the best we have had in the last eight years. These fish run from 2 to 10 lbs. Fishermen can find these fish from Cedar Beach to Wading River. The flounder fishing is excellent near Flax's Pond.

Plaza Sports of Port Jefferson Station reported that Joseph Simonian, of Mt. Sinai, caught an 8 lb. blackfish off Cedar Beach on a combination of sandworm and clam bait.

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty V," reports that on Sunday, they had the Comsewoque Fishing Club of Terryville, L.I. aboard and they did very well. The mackerel are all over the Sound. "We fished off Mount Sinai and caught over 700 macks to 1 pound. The bottom fishing was good on blacks and flounder. Bob Carr won the pool with a 5 lb. blackfish."

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MOUNT SINAI

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that the blackfishing is excellent off Cedar Beach. These fish are of good size, running up to 9 lbs. Fiddler crabs and worms are working best on these fish. There are plenty of mackerel in the Sound. Small bass are hitting all along the beaches. Flounder fishing is good both inside the harbor and the Sound itself. Sea bass made an appearance this week.

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MILLER PLACE

Dick's Sporting Goods reported that weatherwise it was a poor weekend. Blackfishing remains excellent at the rocky areas. Flounders are still around in good numbers. Small stripers are all over and many fishermen are keeping shorts and they are getting caught and fined. The weakfishing is picking up.

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NEW SUFFOLK

Jim DeVito reported that the weakfishing fell off this weekend. The poor fishing can only be blamed on the weather. The mackerel are leaving the bay, so this fishing has slowed also. The porgy fishing has just started and it's spotty also. The report isn't very bright, but if the weather clears, we should see some excellent weakfish catches this coming weekend.

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PECONICS

Pete Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that even with the bad weather, we had some excellent fishing. The weakfishing is the best we have had in years. Fish from 3 to 7 lbs. are being caught at Buoys 16 and 17. Sea porgies up to 3½ lbs. are at the Middlegrounds. Pete Andromulus, of Brooklyn, caught a 3½ lb. porgy along with lots of smaller porgies and some good sized weakfish. Flounder fishing is good off Orient Point State Park and Petty's Bight. Mackerel can be found at the lighthouse. Striped bass are at Conklin's Point.

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GREENPORT

Art White of White's Tackle Shop reports good weakfishing at Roses Grove, west of Jessup's Neck. Most of these fish run about 3 to 4 lbs., with some going as high as 5 and 6 lbs. Squid and worms work best. The flounder fishing is good around Orient Point. The mackerel are still with us but not int he numbers they have been. Big bass haven't made an appearance yet.

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South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Capt. Bud Dorman, skipper of the "Viking Skipper," reports good cod and pollock fishing during the week. Tom Angel and his father caught 64 cod and pollock in two days of fishing. On Friday, Joe Franczkowski, of New Hyde Park, was high hook with 28 fish. Capt. Dorman has been fishing the Block Island area. Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports that cod and pollock fishing is good at Coxes Ledge, "that's if we can get some good weather. On Saturday, we didn't go out and on Sunday, after a bad start weatherwise, we managed to have a decent day. We caught cod and pollock at the Ledge. The pool winning cod was about 35 lbs."

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SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reports that both he and his son, Clark Jr., are now sailing from the Shinnecock Canal. The weakfishing in Peconic Bay is excellent. Porgy fishing is getting better every day. "We are getting some good sized blackfish."

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HAMPTON BAYS

Ted DiCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reports there are plenty of weakfish in Peconic Bay, from buoys 35 to 23. In Shinnecock Bay, the flounders are still in the 'Basket' area. Fluke are being caught at the mouth of the canal. There are not many fish, but it's a start. Surf casters are catching lots of short stripers along the beaches.

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SAG HARBOR

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reports some nice weakfish catches have been coming into this station. These weaks can be found at South Ferry and the west side of North Haven. Drifting squid strips at these areas really pays off. The biggest weakfish Dan has weighed in so far went 7 lbs. 14 ozs. It was caught by Ralph Lake of Sag Harbor. There are still plenty of flounders at Cedar Point. Mackerel are a hit or miss proposition.

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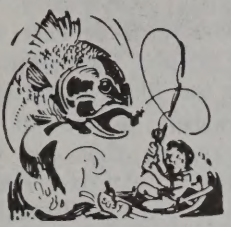

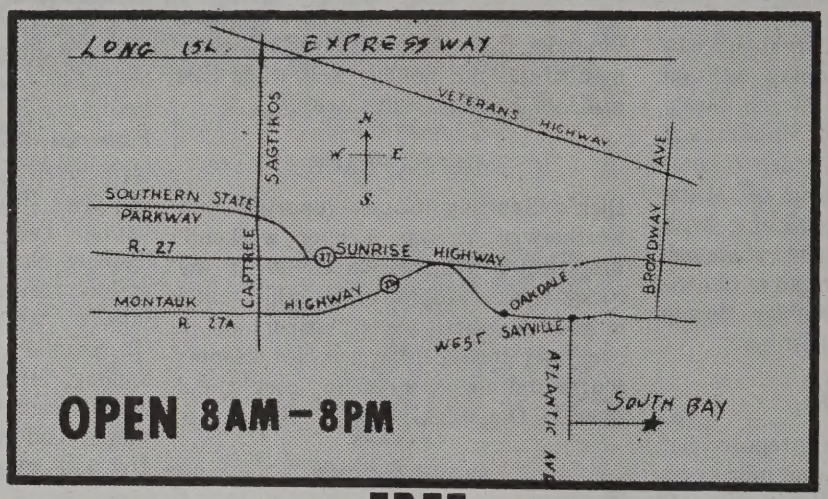

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NOYACK

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Marina reports that weakfishing is excellent at Jessups Neck. Porgies are starting to show at Jessups also. John Toal and son, John Jr., of Yonkers, caught 20 weakfish near Buoy 16. Young John caught the largest weak; it went 6½ lbs. Bernard and Nanny Mancuso, of Mineola, had 17 weaks up to 4½ lbs. fishing Jessups Neck with squid strips. Bill and Millie Heffron, of Noyac, caught 30 weakfish at Buoy 16. Millie caught the largest weak; it weighed in at 5¾ lbs.

MORICHES

Ben Tadsen of Tadsen's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing is excellent. Now is the time to come out, as the fishing is the best we have had all spring. Buoys 30, 31 and 32 and the new cut are loaded with fat flounders. The weakfishing is a hit and miss thing; you have to hit it just right. The fluke have just started and some scattered catches of kingfish have been made.

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SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports unbelievable weakfishing in the bay off Heckscher State Park. Ken Durish and Arty Jacobs, of Islip, caught 24 weaks on squid off of Buoy 4. Six of their weakf tipped the scales at 6½ lbs. Jerry Dashinew, of Rhode Island, weighed in a 9 lb. weakfish and a 4½ lb. sea bass. The flounder fishing is still excellent throughout the bay.

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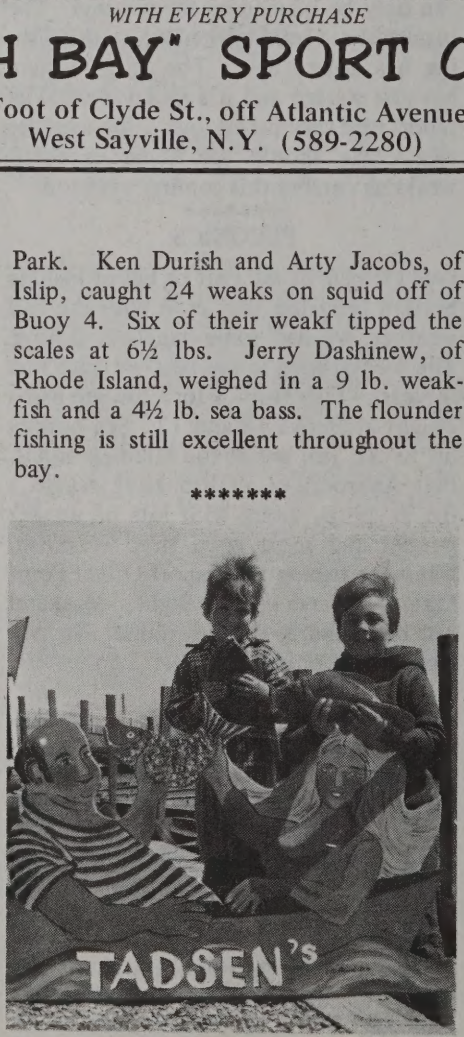

Six year old Diane, and seven year old Peter Simeone with some of the flounders they caught at Moriches. Photo courtesy of Tadsen's Fishing Station.

CAPTREE

Capt. Rod Westerlind, skipper of the "Capt. Rod," reports weakfishing has been very good all week. "We have been fishing the Sore Thumb and catching weakfish up to 6 lbs. Drifting squid strips also brings a few fluke. At South Beach, flounders are cooperating nicely. The waters off Heckscher State Park are providing excellent weakfishing."

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the "Ben Litwin," reports that Saturday was a bust due to the weather. "We didn't go out." Sunday was a bit better, with flounders and weakfish holding the postlight. The flounder catch was very good. Weakfish were taken and some of them were over 2 lbs. The waters east of the Sore Thumb Jetty seems to be one of our better fishing spots right now. A 3 lb. weakfish took the pool on Sunday.

BABYLON

Dr. Jim Pettit, of West Babylon, called to report a 7 lb. 2 oz. weakfish which was caught by his sister, Linda Goebel, in the State Channel. Linda was drifting a shrimp lure and a squid strip near the Captree Docks.

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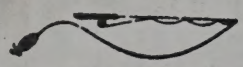

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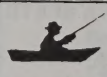

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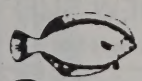

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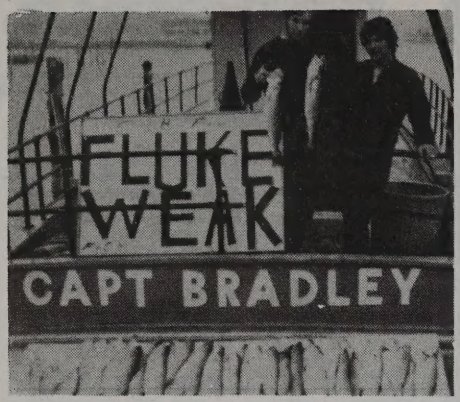

This photo shows 60 weakfish up to 8 lbs., caught by Capt. John Bradley and mate. The open boat "Capt. Bradley" sails from Bay Shore daily for fluke and weakfish.

Mike Zahas (left), Luis Dunan and Furman Edwards holding the cod which they caught at Coxes Ledge. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen."

Alfred Schumacher, of Westbury, with 6 weakfish up to 6 lbs., caught off Heckscher State Park. Al used worm and squid baits.

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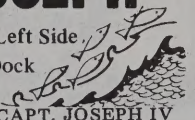

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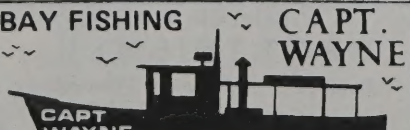

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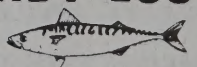

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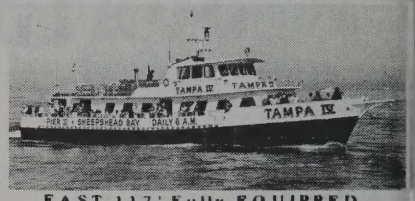

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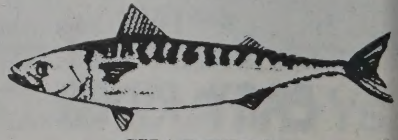

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WEST BABYLON

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reports the weakfishing is great. Most of these fish are right inside the bay. Howie Miller had 78 weaks up to 4½ lbs. Howie caught them on a white bucktail and a strip of squid. The biggest weak Charlie has seen so far was caught by John Murphy of West Babylon. It tipped the scales at 6½ lbs. Flounder fishing is excellent off Bergen Point.

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SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reports that Bill Ecklund, of Wantagh, had 20 flounders and 3 weakfish up to 3½ lbs. They were taken in the State Cahnnel near Zach's Bay. John Como, of Rosedale, caught 28 flounders and 16 large blowfish and one weakfish in the State Channel.

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Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports that weakfishing is excellent and the blackfishing has improved over last week. Tony Santoriello, of Bellmore, had a good catch of weakfish near the 3rd Wantagh Bridge drifting sandworms. Tony hooked a large striped bass and as he had the fish alongside the boat, his rod snapped. He lost the bass and the front part of his rod. Leif Hendrickson caught 8 fluke in the State Channel near the fishing piers.

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David Giersand, and Alan Kirschenbaum with their mackerel catch. These young anglers fished aboard the "Capt. Joseph IV," out of Captree.

BELLMORE

Kwak's Tackle Shop reports that Tom Quinn, of Bellmore, caught four fluke up to 4½ lbs. at Horns Creek. Weakfishing is good at the measured mile in the State Channel. Bill Wilhelm and Tod McPherson, of Levittonw, caught 27 weakfish on squid baits at the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. Blackfishing is good at the 2nd Meadowbrook Bridge. The flounders have started to thin out. Blowfish have made their appearance.

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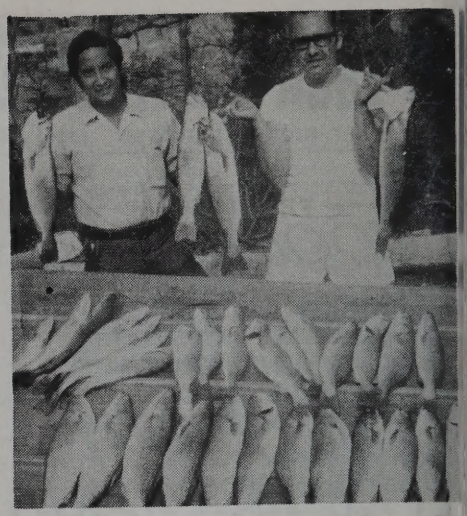
Stanley Eckna and Philip Kelly with 185 flounders which they caught in Harts Cove. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.



Mike Amengual and Carlos Solana with some of their weakfish catch. Photo courtesy of the Mill Creek Marina.

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt Jack's "Star Stream," reports it's mackerel all the way. Anglers aboard the Star Stream catch 200 to 300 mackerel per man. These fish can be found a ½ mile south of Jones Inlet. Once located it's just a matter of putting over a diamond jig. Then the action starts and it doesn't let up until the fishermen get arm weary.

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Six year old Chris Bilitsky with his 10 lb 9 oz. fluke, caught on squid bait o Ocean Beach. Photo courtesy of Augi Bait & Tackle.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station repo plenty of school bass are being caug off the Malibu Beach. Fluke fihsing getting better. Benny and Isac Kozu caught eight fluke in Reynolds Chann There are fair sized weakfish being caug near the Coast Guard Station. Bla fishing was very quiet this week. O shore, the mackerel are just about eve where.

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by GREG BEACHER

BLUEFISH

The season's first bluefish action was located at two areas last Sunday. At the Cedars of Sandy Hook, bass fishermen trolling bunker spoons for stripers saw small school of blues breaking water. They disappeared as quickly as they appeared. Some boats trolling there caught one or two per boat on bunker spoons. By the time they switched to jigs, they were gone. However, some boats were lucky enough to catch a 2 or 3 lb. chopper. Off of East Rockaway it was the same story, as some boats caught a couple of blues while trolling bunker spoons for bass.

This coming weekend should produce the first bluefish action offshore. Aboard the "Double SS," I guess we will start looking for blues at the Acid Waters and work our way towards the southeast. On May 25th of last year, we had our first good catch of blues offshore.

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STRIPERS

Stripers are in along Jersey. And if you don't know by now, bass up to 25 lbs. are now located from Sandy Hook and south along Jersey's beaches. Bass up to 25 lbs. were caught there last weekend. Most of the fish were caught on bunker spoons by trollers and on mackerel strips by surf casters. This area is full of bunkers, herring and mackerel. Plenty of bait fish, and by this weekend, there will be plenty of anglers catching bass. The only other reported bass action last weekend was at East Rockaway Jetty and Rockaway Jetty. School sized bass were caught during tide changes on both jigs and mackerel strips.

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R.I.T.T.

The Rhode Island Tuna Tournament will be held on September 2, 3 and 4. This tournament is open to all anglers, both male and female. And it is the first of three tournaments slated for September. Information and applications are available for the R.I.T.T. by writing to: Dan Head, Rhode Island Tournament, Box 476, Conimicut Station, Warwick, Rhode Island 02889.

After the R.I.T.T. at Galilee, the U.S.A.T.T. will be held on September 14, 15 and 16. Fishing clubs from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey will be competing for top tuna honors at Galilee. Last year, the Staten Island Tuna Club won the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament with a 430 lb. and a 332 lb. tuna.

Ending the month of September, the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club's Invitational Tournament will be held on September 23rd and 24th. This tournament is a bit closer to home and is proven so by the 500 or more anglers that fished the tournament last year. The competition for this tournament comes mostly from the Atlantic Beach to Manasquan areas. Applications and information for the Sheepshead Bay Invitational Tuna Tournament is available by writing to: Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, 616 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported that the new season is really starting to open up. Weakfish up to 10 lbs. have been caught off the beach already. As each day goes by, weaks from 4 to 6 lbs. are starting to become a common catch. So far most of the weakfish action has been on worms. It will be a while before jigs start to produce.

School size bass are now located along Rockaway Beach areas. Action is presently slow, but it's a start. Tom Crilly, of East Rockaway, caught the first bluefish of the season last weekend. Tom's 2 lb. chopper was caught off the beach while he was trolling for bass. The flounder fishing locally is still holding on. And blackfishing is developing into productive action at the bridge, rock jetties and wrecks.

"You know when the Jersey striper run starts each year, when the "Kim" starts bass fishing. I spoke to Capt. Ronnie Lepper the other day for a bit of information and news. All he could say was large bass are expected at Sandy Hook this week, and I'll be there."

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun reported that blackfishing is getting better as each day goes by. At the South Channel Bridge and the South Channel Tressel, blackfsih from 2 to 4 lbs. are being caught at a moderate pace. James Koch, John Loweth and Mike Shane, of Astoria, caught 12 blackfish averaging up to 2½ lbs. at the tressel last Saturday. The largest blackfsih of the day weighed in at 8½ lbs. All of their action was on fiddler crabs. They even caught a few kingfish. Carol Crawford and Pat Polak, of Queens, caught 6 blackfish at the South Channel Bridge. They also had a few flounders and plenty of bergalls. Weakfish are starting to make their presence known throughout Jamaica Bay. Flounder fishing can be rated as so-so.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

George Gand of the Bay End Dock reported that fishing locally has developed into a mixture of fish to be caught. At Rockaway Jetty, school sized bass are being caught on jigs, bucktails and mackerel strip baits. This action is best during tide changes. Also at the jetty, blackfish and flounders are being caught at a good pace. Even a few pollock are being caught from time to time. To top off the day's fishing at Rockaway Jetty, mackerel come and go.

At Fort Tilden, a few small fluke were caught last week. At Floyd Bennett Field, weakfish up to 3 lbs. are starting to be caught. By this coming weekend, anglers can look forward to catching a stray bluefish from time to time.

Capt. Tred Abrams of the "Victory" reported that mackerel fishing has just been great for the last three weeks now. Last weekend, the Victory fished just southeast of Ambrose Tower for plenty fo action. Tred also stated that mackerel fishing should last at least another week. The ride to the fishing grounds has been a short one. "Since we sail at 10 a.m., by 11 a.m. the mackerel are located and we're set for action."

Capt. Rocky Becker of the "Tampa IV" reported that he will make a special offshore cod and pollack trip this Sunday at 11 P.M. There are some openings available for the Memorial Day fishing trip. Call for information and reservations. This coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Tampa IV will be sailing for tilefish at the Hudson Canyon. All of the Hudson Canyon trips are scheduled to sail at 11 p.m.

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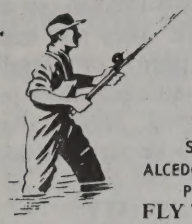

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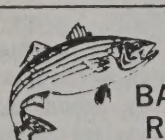

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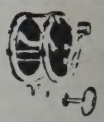

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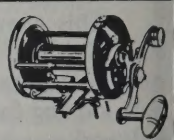

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of bass action at Annadale and the shipping piers. Presently, most of the bass being caught along piers have been shorts, with worm baits producing good action. Tommy cod and eels are mixed in with the bass. A few bass have been taken on plugs, but worms still rate as best bait. The best spots locally are still at Great Kills Park and Annadale. Blackfishing is improving along rock jetties and the old home dock, however, most of the fish caught there have been small. "We're looking for our first bluefish and weakfish catches this weekend."

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SANDY HOOK

Stripers are in solid at the Shrewsbury River. Bass from 3 to 9 lbs. are being caught on worms, mackerel strips and plugs. One of the present hot spots is the Highlands Bridge on Rte. 36. Bass, from schoolies to 25 and 30 lbs., are now active from Sandy Hook and south towards Monmouth Beach. Boats drifting worms and bunker baits are taking their toll of fish. Boats trolling bunker spoons are catching their share. A 37 pounder was reported over the radio last Sunday. It was taken on a bunker spoon. Along with the present bass action at the Hook, bluefish are being caught from time to time. The largest reported blue last weekend went 8½ lbs.

Capt. Whitey Morenz of the "Miss Take II," of Johnny's Landing, reported that mackerel fishing was just great last weekend for the Atlantic Highland party boats. The Miss Take II fished 3 miles east of Ambrose Tower towards the N.C. Buoy. The action was solid all day. The

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

MAMARONECK

As uaual, I caught Fred Archer bailing boats, the aftermath of a spring downpour, complete with the thunder and lightning. His enthusiasm, however, wasn't dampened a bit. Those mackerel I promised to send his way arrived on schedule, and are now in thcik in Westchester waters. A 9 lb. 10 oz. black was a prime example of the fine bottom fishing here. It was caught by "Killgallen," and was one of many to come to light in this week's reports.

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GREENWICH

Bill Carlson teamed up with Doug Van Wynen of the Sportsmans Den to catch 70 Bostons in an evening during the week. The Chimblo family recorded 62 of the same over the weekend. Early mornings and evenings appear to be prime time, and trolling, the winning method. Multiple school bass frequent the whole of Greenwich waters. Bill Graves picked up about 60, returning all but 10 to the water during the week. The Alou Elver is the hot lure here again, with the color gray producing best, probably because the first few fish were taken on this color, and other anglers naturally followed along.

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STAMFORD

Chris at Pat's Marine passed along the word of very good blackfishing in the Stamford area. Ken Iverson and Bob Plank, of Stamford, came in with a passel of big blacks taken on fiddlers. On Wednesday, John Whittenberger, of Yonkers, and fishing pal Jim McGraw, of Long Island, brought in 2½ bushels of blacks. Mackerel are getting better by the day, but bass aren't anything to really talk about, not because there aren't plenty of bass around, but because the fish just aren't big enough to talk about yet as far as Pat is concerned.

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WESTPORT

Ed Boland of the Westport Tackle Shop advises that mackerel are thick around Buoys 1 and 24 east of Cockenoe Island. Over the weekend, he and John Scarencek tried out Ed's new Whaler. and traveled across the Sound, first checked Port Jeff, and found it crowded, then tried Crane's Neck, and took sixty fish in two hours, casting single lures, and there wasn't another boat around. Buzz Richmond hit a half bushel of flounder fishing off Penfield Reef by stirring the mud with some weights. Cora Sample hit a big black off the Cannons at Compo. It weighed in at 8 lbs. even. Bill Danaher came up from New Jersey over the weekend and hit stripers at Sunken Island, the largest going 13 lbs. Nick and Nancy Curcione had their first taste of good bass fishing by catching 10 schoolies at the same spot.

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NORWALK

Vin Mola of Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle tells us there are flatfish galore in Norwalk waters, but the biggest fish weighed in at his store during the week was a 9 lb. black, caught by Al Carter, Jr., off those same rocks at Compo Beach in Westport. Flatfish action has been best in Cockenoe Bay, and at Calf Pasture Pier where flat fishermen are being surprised occasionally by a school striper.

At Four Winds, we were happy to talk with Bob Utz who was back manning the phone after his recent operation. He told us of Lee Andrews, who'd run into a big school of mackerel just outside Middle Passage, but had trouble getting them to hit. Bob's 16 year old grandson, Don, Jr., teamed up with his buddy Terry to cash in on the Cockenoe Island flounder bonanza. They took home a bushel of nice keepers, and released another 35 small ones.

Bill Valentine at Hickory Bluff forecasts excellent mackerel fishing in those parts. The flounder are big there, but it's a wait between nibbles. Blacks are coming in four and five to a boat, and bass are there if you can find them.

At the Bait Shop, Bert is getting reports of mackerel by the millions out there. Lloyd Davis is reaping a harve daily, as is Richie Bowen, who took couple weighing close to the three poun mark, and while landing one, had one those monster bass make a pass, leavi a bathtub-sized boil behind it.

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BRIDGEPORT

Roy at Bob's Bait tells us the ba are getting bigger. He saw a few in t five and six pound class that were take off the wall at St. Mary's, and had o fish of 11 lbs. weighed at the sto Flats and mackerel are on a now-yo see-em, now-you-don't basis. Hit t schools and it's great, but sometim they're difficult to find.

Johnny Philo weighed in an 8 l 13 oz. black which shows the big on are in here too.

From the Sportsmans Den, Stow gives us our first report of mackerel o the beach. Who else but Thurman Wats hit the fish at his favorite spot, pleasu Beach. His total ran to 30 fish, not a b day's surf fishing. Bass are plentiful b small here. Best catch of the week go to five year old John Kekac, of East Av Bridgeport, a big 3½ lb. Rainbow tro which he took at Candlewood Lake good old Garden Hackle.

At Marine Sports Center, Ted ga us the word that the mackerel were cated a ½ mile south of Penfield Lig late in the week. Twelve year old Ch Eckels picked up over 125 big macks that spot, pointing to a wild weekend mackerel fishing ahead. Bass, while sma seem to show a good season ahead, w plenty of plug fishing available.

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NEW HAVEN

We finally caught Walter in at O door Sports. Bass are the headline here and they are being taken at sp like Savin Rock, Charles Island a Bradley Rock in West Haven. Abo one out of five is a keeper, and wor fished on the bottom are paying Flatfish are great, hitting at the sand and Bradley Rock in West Haven, and Villa Rosa in Milford. Blackfish are te

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ic, both at the breakwater and Charles sland. The mackerel are offshore past he breakwater. Walt himself is now on adio, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturlays, with a fishing forecast over WFIS. ust for the record, I'm back on myself his year on Friday evenings, and Saturlay morning and eveing over WMMM-VDRJ/FM in Westport.

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BOATS

DELMAR skipper John Minnitti, sailing every day out of Greenwich, is having a ball with both mackerel and blacks at this point, with plenty of fish for all. Already two weekly winners in the Schaefer Party Boat contest. We'll have the names next week.

On the DOLPHIN out of Bridgeport, Ed Brower is also offering mixed bags of mackerel, flounder and blacks. Even an occasional small striper is coming aboard.

In New London, we spoke with skipper Larry Hample, who sails the SCORPION out of Marsters Dock. While cod have been a little slow for everyone, the big flounder are hitting at Block sland. Pollock are the biggest in four years, with a charter trolling last Sunday, coming up with some excellent fishing. Mackerel are plentiful, and we expect hose first few blues might be sneaking n any day now.

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NEW YORK BIGHT
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aptain noted that dogfish have moved l solid along most offshore waters. sually dogfish don't show during this me of the year, however, they are here nd no one has figured it out yet.

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" alled to report that mackerel fishing as just excellent last Sunday. Anglers ught bags of fish. It appears there is ill one week of good mackerel fishing ft this spring. Bluefish are starting to ow along beach areas. If the mackerel ecide to leave, the Sea Horse will be orm fishing for bass and weakfish until ie blues arrive in force.

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SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn of the "Miss Belmar" ported that mackerel moved from the let and were located at the B.A. Buoy st weekend. The mackerel fishing was xcellent there, as anglers caught as many fish as they wanted. "We don't know how long the mackerel fishing will last as the oncoming bluefish aren't too far behing. Blues are starting to show along beach areas. Maybe by this coming weekend, the Miss Belmar will be bluefishing."

Locally, both bass and blues are mixed along surf areas. Mostly bass were caught last weekend. Boats trolling or drifting caught a few bass. By this coming weekend, bass fishing for the Shark River area should take hold and produce some 20 and 30 pounders. Already the beaches are lit by surf fishermen's camp fires during the night and pre-dawn. Blackfish are active along bridges, rock jetties and bridges. Whiting and ling are still plentiful off the beach. We now have the new addition of dogfish, which moved in last week. Weakfish are starting to make a good showing off and along beach areas.

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MANASQUAN

Capt. Howard Bogan of the "Jamaica" reported that mackerel fishing was excellent at the B.A. Buoy last weekend. "We had to go there as the macks left the Manasquan area." Last week again resulted in bags of mackerel for the anglers. "We might get another week of mackerel fishing for our area, that is if the bluefish don't chase them. When that happens, party boats from our port will start bottom fishing until the blues arrive in force." This coming weekend the Jamaica will be tile fishing at the Hudson Canyon.

Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reported that the bass run has started for the Manasquan area. Bass up to 38 lbs. are being caught along the surf on cut mackerel strips and worms. Even plugs are taking a few fish. George Laurer of Point Pleasant bagged a 38 pounder on a cut mackerel strip off of Point Pleasant Beach last Sunday. Bass fishing has been good at the Manasquan Canal. School sized bass and shorts are providing excellent action there. Flounders and kingfish are mixed at the surf. Blackfishing has taken hold along rock jetties, bridges and wrecks. Weakfish are starting to make their presence known. There were a few (very few) reported bluefish catches last weekend.

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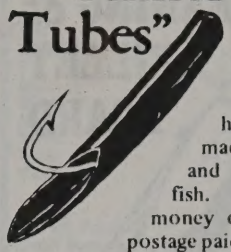

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Thur.		
Fri.	6:41	7:05
Sat.	7:23	7:44
Sun.	8:04	8:20
Mon.	8:41	8:57
Tues.	9:20	9:32
Wed.	9:58	10:11
Thur.	10:41	10:51
	11:25	11:38

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	11:01	11:04
Fri.	11:36	11:37
Sat.	12:09	11:53
Sun.	12:28	12:16
Mon.	12:50	12:49
Tues.	1:21	1:28
Wed.	1:58	2:10
Thur.	2:10	2:41

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

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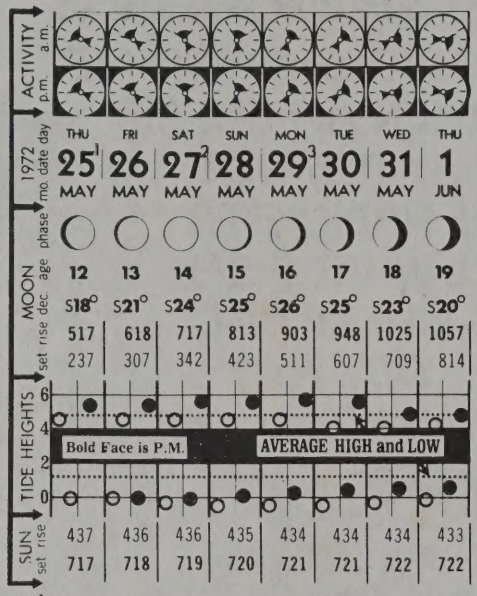

[1]Moon in Apogee-May 25, 10:00 a.m.
[2]Full Moon-May 27, 11:28 p.m.
[3]Farthest South -May 29, 3:00 a.m.

The ACTIVITY CHARTS show the most probable feeding times for fish and wildlife each day, calculated from the relative positions of the sun, the moon and the earth, A.M. means midnight to noon; P.M. means noon to midnight.

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	10:17	10:28
Fri.	11:00	11:09
Sat.	11:41	11:48
Sun.	———	12:29
Mon.	1:00	1:00
Tues.	1:06	1:40
Wed.	1:48	2:23
Thur.	2:32	3:08

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	8:32	8:37
Fri.	9:09	9:13
Sat.	9:44	9:49
Sun.	10:21	10:26
Mon.	11:02	11:01
Tues.	11:42	11:40
Wed.	———	12:21
Thur.	1:12	1:12

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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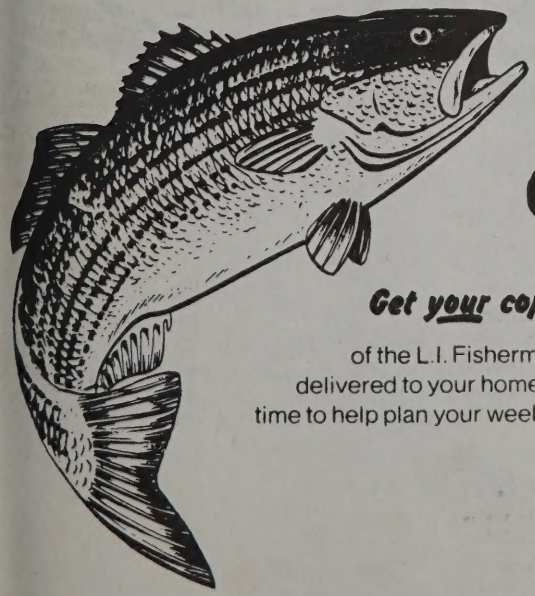

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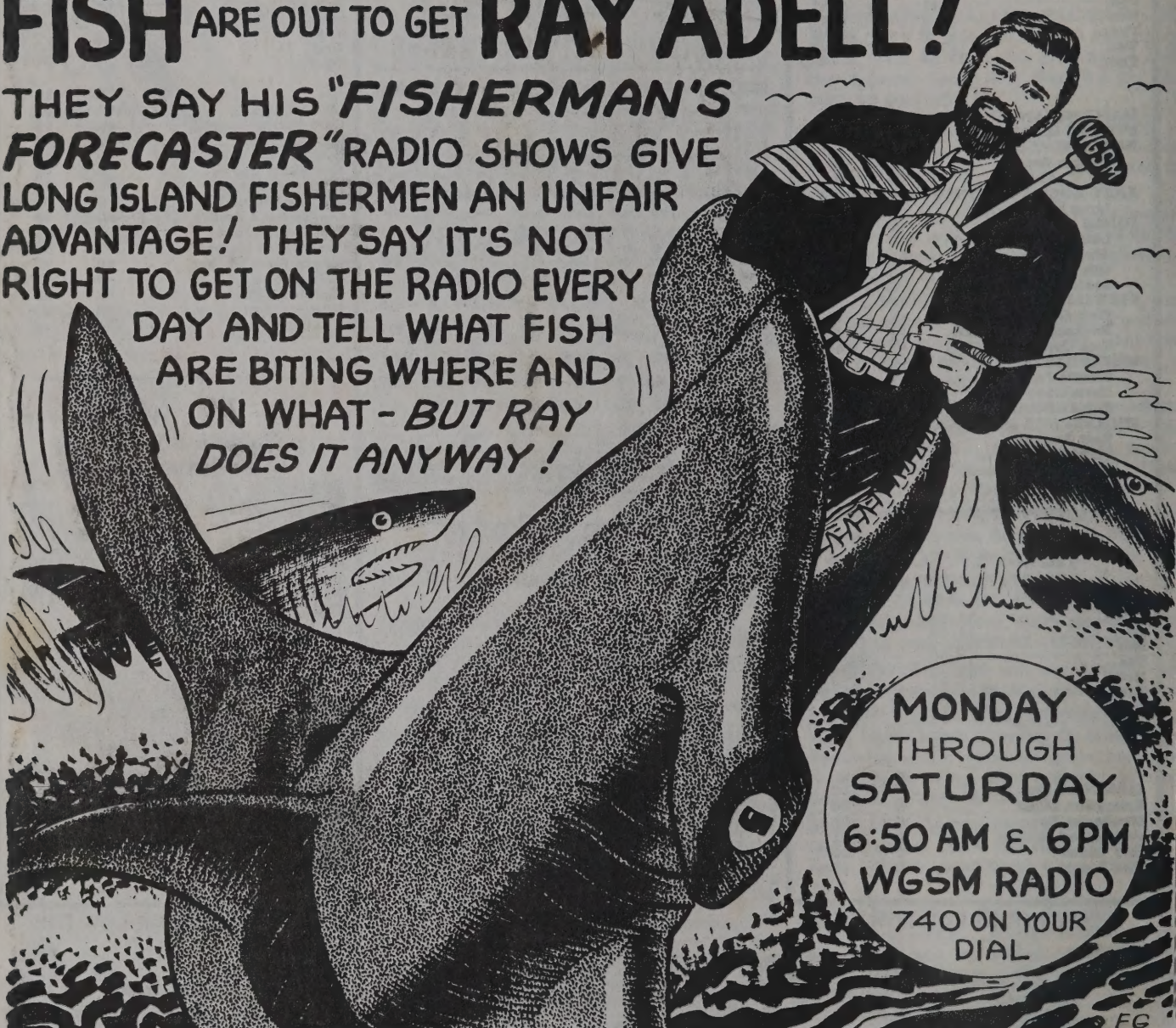

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